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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Maropis et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
PROVIDING PRE-PAID LOCAL
TELEPHONE SERVICES

Examiner R. Foster

Group Art Unit No. 2645

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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In response to the Office Action dated September 10, 2001, please enter the following amendment, and consider the following remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 8, 14 and 16 to read as follows: